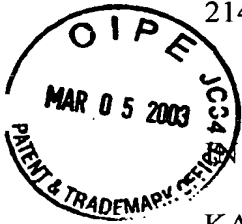


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3 and 5 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for preparing a light colored seasoning liquid, comprising forming a Koji-making material comprising a raw material mixture comprising (a) a first component comprising 0-40% soybeans and (b) a second component comprising 60-100% gluten and wheat, wherein the gluten is present in an amount of 25-100%, the wheat is present in an amount 0-75% relative to the total of the gluten-containing second component, the percentages being on a dry weight basis, adding 7-24% salt water to said koji